

MISSOURI STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE
FISCAL NOTE (05-20)

Subject

Initiative petition from Herman Kriegshauser regarding a proposed constitutional amendment for Article I, Bill of Rights, section 7. (Received December 14, 2005)

Date

January 6, 2006

Description

Article I, Section 7, currently prohibits the taking of funds from the state treasury, directly or indirectly, in aid of any church, sect or denomination of religion, or any priest, preacher, minister or teacher thereof. The initiative petition (version 4) repeals this prohibition.

The amendment is to be voted on in November, 2006.

Public comments and other input

The State Auditor's Office received input from the State Treasurer's Office.

Assumptions

Officials from the State Treasurer's Office indicated there would be no fiscal impact on the State Treasurer's Office.

The SAO assumes the repeal of the prohibition of state funding, directly or indirectly, to any church, sect, or denomination of religion, or any priest, preacher, minister or teacher thereof could result in the appropriation of state funds to such entities by the General Assembly. Should this occur, the fiscal impact to state and local government is unknown.

Fiscal Note Summary

The fiscal impact to state and local government is unknown.